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WORLD SUGAR TRADE

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DECLINES IN 1963

World sugar exports in calendar year 1963 amounted to nearly 19 million tons (short tons, raw value), down over one million tons from 1962 levels. The 1963 exports, while about 13 percent below the record shipments of 1961, exceeded the 1955-59 average by about 15 percent. North America was the only continent to show a marked decline in exports in 1963. Exports from East Europe also registered a decline, mainly because of smaller shipments from Poland.

Cuban exports declined for the second straight year, amounting to only 3.9 million tons in 1963, compared with 5.7 million in 1962 and 7.1 million tons in 1961. Thus the decline in world trade for 1963 reflects lower shipments from Cuba because of reduced crops since the bumper 1960-61 harvest. Cuban shipments to Communist Bloc dropped to 2.34 million tons in 1963 from 4.2 million tons in 1962. Shipments from Cuba to the Free World of 1.54 million were at about the same level as the previous year.

On a continent basis, North America is still by far the largest exporter of sugar but South America, on a net export basis, was the leader in 1963, followed closely by Oceania. African exports exceeded imports in 1963 by 47 percent, whereas they had been about equal for several years. Because of the large imports by the United Kingdom, Europe remains the largest net importer.

This Circular contains more detailed information than the summary of similar title published in the World Agricultural Production and Trade Statistical Report of August 1964.

SUGAR, CENTRIFUGAL, RAW VALUE: International trade, average 1955-59, annual 1961, 1962 and 1963

Continent and country	Average		1961		1962		1963 ^{1/}	
	1955-59							
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons
North America:								
British Honduras.....	7	1	28	2/	26	2/	28	1
Canada.....	1	717	9	760	12	832	53	830
Costa Rica.....	4	3	30	2/	24	2/	38	2/
El Salvador.....	7	2/	16	2/	21	2/	20	2/
Guatemala.....	1	2/	8	2/	37	2/	52	2/
Honduras.....	2/	11	2/	4	2/	5	2/	1
Mexico.....	119	12	631	2/	394	2/	435	2/
Nicaragua.....	14	2/	30	0	44	0	38	0
Panama.....	4	2/	6	2/	4	2/	13	2/
United States.....	30	4,323	7	4,226	3	4,671	4	4,492
Caribbean:								
Antigua.....	27	2/	22	0	21	0	28	0
Barbados.....	165	2/	157	0	153	0	192	0
Cuba.....	5,725	2/	7,064	0	5,656	0	3,881	0
Dominican Republic.....	744	2/	825	2/	890	2/	698	2/
Guadeloupe.....	134	0	176	0	190	0	182	0
Haiti.....	19	0	44	0	38	0	40	0
Jamaica.....	349	0	426	0	424	0	442	0
Martinique.....	78	0	82	0	87	0	93	0
Netherlands Antilles.....	0	8	0	7	0	8	0	8
St. Kitts.....	48	0	48	0	44	0	40	0
St. Lucia and St. Vincent....	10	2/	5	0	2	0	1	0
Trinidad and Tobago.....	170	2/	241	2/	181	2/	211	2/
Other ^{3/}	0	5	0	8	0	8	0	9
Total North America.....	7,656	5,080	9,855	5,005	8,251	5,524	6,489	5,341
South America:								
Argentina.....	41	2/	212	7	36	0	350	0
Bolivia.....	0	54	0	23	0	24	0	3
Brazil.....	553	0	863	0	491	0	581	0
British Guiana.....	291	2/	331	2/	347	2/	326	2/
Chile.....	0	235	0	250	0	145	0	292
Colombia.....	20	16	54	0	76	0	50	0
Ecuador.....	14	5	31	0	74	0	65	0
Paraguay.....	6	2	4	0	4	6	2	0
Peru.....	510	2/	661	2/	528	2/	547	2/
Uruguay.....	0	88	0	57	0	58	0	55
Venezuela.....	35	15	2/	2/	0	2/	55	2/
Other ^{3/}	1	7	1	2	0	1	0	1
Total South America.....	1,471	422	2,157	339	1,556	234	1,976	351
Europe:								
West								
Austria.....	2	34	12	18	2/	52	2/	45
Belgium and Luxembourg	118	57	128	4	82	10	81	68
Denmark.....	47	2/	19	13	11	13	108	54
Finland.....	0	173	0	155	0	182	0	150
France.....	646	489	978	432	761	474	964	425
Germany, West.....	13	309	1	71	46	175	5	339
Greece.....	0	117	0	135	0	140	0	100
Iceland.....	0	10	0	12	0	12	0	9
Ireland.....	6	60	14	51	25	57	30	48
Italy.....	85	40	2	26	2/	28	12	456
Malta.....	0	13	0	15	0	17	0	16
Netherlands.....	60	269	55	140	14	139	19	247
Norway.....	1	167	0	176	1	169	0	219
Portugal.....	2/	144	1	130	2/	182	0	172
Spain ^{4/}	1	58	0	55	0	56	8	275
Sweden.....	2	75	2/	38	4	81	8	105
Switzerland.....	3	229	4	296	5	270	4	226
United Kingdom.....	748	2,835	391	2,582	381	2,414	489	2,823
Total West Europe.....	1,732	5,079	1,605	4,349	1,330	4,471	1,728	5,777
East								
Bulgaria.....	11	0	82	119	70	149	3	141
Czechoslovakia.....	319	0	730	6	506	165	541	165
Germany, East.....	179	11	462	123	255	354	116	270
Hungary.....	58	57	132	0	96	0	162	0
Poland.....	247	11	792	288	854	166	256	0
Rumania.....	0	36	177	36	113	44	91	54
Yugoslavia.....	18	102	29	131	25	161	42	48
Total East Europe.....	832	217	2,404	703	1,919	1,039	1,211	678
Total Europe.....	2,564	5,296	4,009	5,052	3,249	5,510	2,939	6,455

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons	1,000 short tons
USSR (Europe and Asia).....	236	536	496	3,965	993	2,740	1,014	1,255
Africa:								
Algeria.....	0	231	0	235	0	203	0	257
Angola.....	37	0	40	0	41	0	26	0
Egypt.....	23	42	80	76	69	141	15	59
Ethiopia and Eritrea ^{5/}	0	7	0	3	0	5	0	1
Ghana.....	0	42	0	74	0	73	0	45
Kenya.....	2/	37	2/	34	2/	37	0	21
Liberia.....	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3
Libya.....	0	18	0	35	0	28	0	25
Malagasy Republic.....	27	2	41	2/	67	2/	77	2/
Mauritius.....	579	0	565	0	567	0	640	0
Morocco.....	24	375	8	281	11	454	0	338
Mozambique.....	124	2/	128	2/	119	2/	132	2/
Nigeria.....	0	58	0	71	0	92	0	62
Reunion.....	197	0	214	0	238	0	229	0
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	0	64	1	56	0	43	51	7
Sierra Leone.....	0	10	0	21	0	20	0	17
Somalia.....	1	5	0	12	0	18	0	16
South Africa, Republic of....	240	2/	326	12	528	2/	646	2/
Sudan.....	0	130	0	172	0	119	0	133
Tanganyika.....	2/	22	2/	27	2/	28	2/	12
Togo.....	0	2	0	4	0	7	0	4
Tunisia.....	0	80	0	93	0	108	0	66
Uganda.....	2/	2	39	2/	45	1	61	0
Other ^{3/}	6	153	4	192	-	230	-	213
Total Africa.....	1,258	1,281	1,446	1,400	1,685	1,610	1,877	1,279
Asia:								
Aden.....	35	47	26	43	28	54	14	43
Afghanistan.....	0	23	0	47	0	41	0	42
Burma.....	0	27	0	26	0	28	0	17
Ceylon.....	0	190	0	239	0	200	0	172
China, Mainland.....	14	97	57	1,690	186	1,034	187	564
China, Taiwan.....	820	2/	720	0	747	0	762	0
Cyprus.....	0	13	0	17	0	15	0	15
Hong Kong.....	63	126	36	160	42	236	37	232
India.....	49	56	326	0	420	0	563	0
Indonesia.....	139	1	0	0	39	0	125	0
Iran ^{6/}	0	298	0	425	0	316	0	248
Iraq.....	0	178	0	277	0	247	0	185
Israel.....	0	76	0	52	0	70	0	87
Japan.....	18	1,285	16	1,508	7	1,651	3	1,628
Jordan.....	0	39	0	50	0	61	0	54
Korea, South.....	0	71	0	71	0	57	0	53
Lebanon.....	2/	29	0	39	0	29	0	44
Malaysia.....	21	274	2/	274	2/	229	2/	339
Pakistan.....	3	74	0	35	0	138	0	64
Philippines.....	1,009	2/	1,153	2/	1,082	2/	1,158	2/
Syria.....	2/	53	0	83	0	81	0	75
Thailand.....	3	20	2	2/	44	2/	58	2/
Turkey (Europe and Asia).....	17	2	303	0	173	0	52	0
Vietnam.....	2	63	0	42	0	53	0	43
Other ^{3/}	76	159	94	284	111	264	40	186
Total Asia.....	2,269	3,201	2,733	5,362	2,879	4,804	2,999	4,091
Oceania:								
Australia.....	780	0	906	0	1,287	0	1,270	0
Fiji.....	185	2/	152	2/	224	2/	288	0
New Zealand.....	2/	121	2/	135	2/	147	2/	134
Other ^{3/}	0	13	0	21	0	21	0	20
Total Oceania.....	965	134	1,058	156	1,511	168	1,558	154
Total world.....	16,419	15,950	21,754	21,279	20,124	20,590	18,852	18,926
U.S.-Offshore Trade.....	7/ 5	1,950	7/ 6	2,042	7/ 7	2,001	7/ 8	1,928
Puerto Rico.....	982	7/ 2	980	7/ 3	904	7/ 3	876	7/ 3
Hawaii.....	956	0	1,045	0	1,084	0	1,033	0
Virgin Islands.....	11	7/ 1	16	7/ 1	11	7/ 1	16	7/ 1
Guam.....	0	7/ 1	0	7/ 1	0	7/ 1	0	7/ 1
Total.....	1,954	1,954	2,047	2,047	2,006	2,006	1,933	1,933

^{1/} Preliminary. ^{2/} Less than 500 tons. ^{3/} Includes trade of other countries not shown separately. ^{4/} Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla considered provinces of Spain after January 1, 1953. ^{5/} Crop year. ^{6/} Iranian calendar year. ^{7/} Sugar and related products.

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The United States accounted for about 24 percent of world sugar imports in 1963. The Philippines was the largest supplier followed, in order, by the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, and Argentina. The United States has imported no sugar from Cuba since 1960. Canada and Chile are the only other two countries of the Western Hemisphere importing significant quantities of sugar.

The USSR imported only 1,255,200 tons of sugar in 1963, down 54 percent from 1962 levels. From 1960 to 1962, USSR imports were at a much higher level than previously and almost entirely from Cuba. Following the United States, the United Kingdom was again the second largest world importer in 1963, regaining this position which it had lost to the USSR in 1962. Imports into Europe increased substantially in 1963 because of the small crop of 1962-63. Exports from USSR, at 1 million tons in 1963, were almost equal to imports.

Japan is by far the largest sugar importer in Asia. Ranking second is Mainland China. Imports into China in 1963, however, dropped to 564,000 tons from 1,034,000 tons in 1962 and 1,690,000 tons in 1961. Practically all the imports into China in both 1962 and 1963 were supplied by Cuba.

The rate of increase in world consumption of sugar was reduced in 1963 and the first half of 1964. However, consumption is expected to be at a higher level in the second half. Present indications are that total world exports in 1964 will be about 5 percent below 1963.

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